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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OPRED - DEFENSE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH RESIDENT

DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE (DAO) IN KUWAIT

1. LETTER TO DEPARTMENT FROM DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE CLEMENTS, WHICH DISCUSSES PROPOSALS (JUST-APPROVED) TO ESTABLISH RESIDENT DAOS IN KHARTOUM AND SANAA, ALSO STATES QUOTE NOW WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO OPEN THE SUBJECT OF A RESIDENT DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE WITH KUWAIT. THE PRESENCE OF A RESIDENT ATTACHE IN KUWAIT WOULD BE INVALUABLE AS A MEANS OF MONITORING REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PERSIAN GULF. END QUOTE

2. SPECIFICALLY, DOD PROPOSAL CALLS FOR OPENING UNIT IN KUWAIT PRIOR TO JULY 1 COMPRISING: DEFENSE ATTACHE/ARMY ATTACHE (LT. COL.), NCO INTELLIGENCE ASSISTANT (E7), AND
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FOREIGN NATIONAL DRIVER. ADDITIONAL JUSTIFICATION

FURNISHED INFORMALLY BY DIA STATES THAT AVAILABLE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION ON KUWAIT AND PERSIAN GULF AREA, MUCH OF BRITISH ORIGIN, LACKS COMPREHENSIVE DETAILS NEEDED BY DOD; DIA ALSO ENVISAGES ATTACHE MAKING TRIPS TO BAHRAIN, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AND QATAR TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE.

3. DEPARTMENT IS MAKING INTERIM REPLY TO DEPUTY SECRETARY

CLEMENTS NOTING PREVIOUS ESTABLISHED GOK POLICY NOT RPT NOT TO PERMIT MILITARY ATTACHES TO BE ASSIGNED TO ANY DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN KUWAIT, BUT UNDERTAKING TO GET A CURRENT READING OF THE SITUATION.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS ON DOD PROPOSAL, INCLUDING LIKELY HOST GOVERNMENT REACTION AND ANY IMPACT ON MISSION'S ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT CAPABILITIES. WOULD ALSO WELCOME COMMENTS ABOUT POSSIBLE VISITS/ ACCREDITATION OF A DATT TO INFO ADDRESSEE POSTS. RUSH

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